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1. In accordance with the terms of the Polish -Chinese Trade Agreement of January 1951, steps have been taken to form a Polish-Chinese Shipping Company, which will operate about 32 ships.* Two officials of the Polish Maritime Administration, Poinc and Choynowski were in China during the spring of 1951 to direct the preliminary work. The Polish-Chinese Shipping Company has set up an office [redacted] under the management of Olgiard Sledz, who formerly worked with the Gdynia [redacted] Line [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2. Two officers of the Polish merchant marine, Captain Jerzy Nierojewski and Chief Engineer Jozef Belczowski, were recently in China in connection with the organization of the Polish-Chinese Shipping Company. The chief difficulty at present is the shortage of crews. According to the Polish-Chinese Trade Agreement the crews are to consist of both Polish and Chinese. Shipping agencies for the line have not yet been set up.
3. The Polish crews sent to China to operate six Chinese coastal vessels of about 1,200 tons under charter are to return to Poland. They consider it impossible to operate the vessels without a Communist naval escort because of Chinese Nationalist naval and air activity.***

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[redacted] Comment: [redacted] the line is to operate 20
and 200 ships respectively.

*** [redacted] Comment: It is believed that the [redacted] branch office of the Polish Ocean Lines will organize some of these agencies. 50

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Comment: Although unofficial attacks have been made by elements of [redacted] no air activity is known to exist.

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